

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

PALACE HOTEL & SUITES,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 23-cv-0132 KG/JHR

WESTERN WORLD INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

**ORDER SETTING CASE MANAGEMENT DEADLINES
AND DISCOVERY PARAMETERS**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on a telephonic Rule 16 scheduling conference held on April 13, 2023. Counsel present were Lawrence VandenBout for Plaintiff and Charles Vigil for Defendant. Following a review of the attorneys' Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan, and after conferring with counsel, the Court will permit the following discovery:

- a) Maximum of twenty-five (25) Interrogatories per party;
- b) Maximum of twenty-five (25) Requests for Production per party;
- c) Maximum of twenty-five (25) Requests for Admission per party;
- d) Maximum of eight (8) depositions per party;
- e) Depositions of non-party and non-expert witnesses are limited to seven (7) hours, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

Service of interrogatories or requests for production shall be considered timely only if the responses are due prior to the deadline. A notice to take deposition shall be considered timely only if the deposition takes place prior to the deadline.

The Court has set the following management deadlines:

- a) Deadline for Plaintiffs to move to amend pleadings/ add additional parties¹: June 1, 2023
- b) Deadline for Defendant to move to amend pleadings/add additional parties¹: July 1, 2023
- c) Plaintiffs' Rule 26(a)(2) expert disclosure²: August 31, 2023.
- d) Defendant's Rule 26(a)(2) expert disclosure²: September 30, 2023
- e) Termination date for discovery: November 1, 2023
- f) Motions relating to discovery to be filed by: November 8, 2023
- g) Pretrial motions other than discovery motions (including motions which may require a *Daubert* hearing) filed by³: December 13, 2023

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(3)(B)(v), “before moving for an order relating to discovery, the movant must request a conference with the court” to attempt to informally resolve the dispute. Discovery motions that fail to conform to this requirement may be summarily denied. Any extension of the case management deadlines must be approved by the Court. Any requests for additional discovery must be submitted to the Court by motion prior


¹Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 requires that the Court set a deadline for amendment of pleadings and joinder of parties. A party seeking to amend the pleadings after the above dates must both demonstrate good cause to amend the scheduling order as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b) and satisfy the requirements for amendment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a). *See, e.g., Gorsuch Ltd., B.C. v. Wells Fargo Nat. Bank Ass'n*, 771 F.3d 1230, 1242 (10th Cir. 2014).

² Parties must disclose the names of all expert witnesses, including treating physicians, the subject matter on which the experts will present evidence, and a summary of the facts and opinions to which the experts are expected to testify by this date. Experts who are retained or specifically employed to provide expert testimony must also submit an expert report by this date. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2). The parties must have their retained expert(s) ready to be deposed at the time they identify them and provide their reports. Expert witnesses who are not required to provide a written report may be deposed before summary disclosure.

³ This deadline applies to motions related to the admissibility of experts or expert testimony that may require *Daubert* hearing, but otherwise does not apply to motions in limine. The presiding judge will set a deadline for the submission of motions in limine and other trial-related deadlines in a separate order.

to the expiration of the discovery. A remote settlement conference is anticipated in August 2023. The Court will contact the parties prior to a setting a firm date. The parties estimate a four day jury trial in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J H Ritter", is positioned above a horizontal line.

JERRY H. RITTER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE